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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Sebastian SUERBAUM et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1647  
Application No.: 09/015,078 )  
Filed: January 29, 1998 )  
For: CLONING AND )  
CHARACTERIZATION OF THE )  
flba GENE OF *H. PYLORI*, )  
PRODUCTION OF )  
AFLAGELLATE STRAINS )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of January 30, 2001. A fee of \$890.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 27, 2001

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